THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Sikkim does not have an airlink at present

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The National Airports Authority has carried out a preliminary inspection of two sites in Sikkim for the construction of an airstrip and has found that the site at Pangthang, 13 kms from Gangtok may be suitable for the construction of an airstrip with a runway length of about 2500 ft. It is estimated that the project would cost about Rs. 25 crores. Construction of an airport will depend on a detailed analysis of meteorological and contour data, clearances from environmental agencies, and funds being made available to the National Airports Authority.

Rajgir-Bodhgaya Rail Link

3615. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has submitted a proposal for the construction of Rajgir-Bodhgaya railway line to facilitate the tourists; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Acquisition of Land by Railways

3616. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various State Governments have demanded increase in value of land acquired by the Railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Halts at Dwarapudi Station

3617. SHRI K.V.R. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for improvement of Dwarapudi railway station and to provide halts of express trains there; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Five pairs of express trains stop at Dwarapudi. There is no proposal to stop additional trains. The facilities provided at the station are adequate.

(b) Does not arise.

Medical Facilities in Coach Repair Factory Bhopal

3618. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway coach repair factory at Bhopal does not provide medical facilities for the workers residing within the factory colony;

(b) the time by which the post of doctor created is likely to be filled up; and

(c) the details of medical facilities pro posed to be extended to the workers, the budget allocation made during 1991-92 and the category of posts to be provided there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Indoor facilities (50 beds), Diagnostic, Maternity, OT, ECG, X-ray, Laboratory and treatment facilities are proposed to be provided. The budget allocation for workshop hospital for the current financial year is Rs. 60 lakhs. The categories of posts proposed to be provided will include Medical Officers, and other para-medical staff.

[*Translation*]

Civil Aerodrome at Agra

3619. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to construct a separate civil aerodrome at Kheria in Agra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and when the construction work is likely to be started?